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Battle Of Corps Marks Opening Of Carolina Games

Division Well Entertained Last Week-End

Great Falls and Lancaster Arranged Dances And Parties For Troops

Dixie Division officers did not lack for entertainment last week-end. Both Great Falls, concentration area for the Dixie Division, and Lancaster, approximately 18 miles from here, had attractive programs which started Friday evening and continued until Sunday evening.

In the absence of Capt. Hudson, division recreation officer, Capt. John E. Mandeville arranged the entertainment program with the assistance of local committees and the United Service Organization.

On the order of Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, IV Army Corps commander, convoys were restricted to a twenty-five mile radius from Great Falls.

Several hundred Dixie soldiers were transported to Lancaster where they saw a Halloween festival, and later a football game between the local high school team and Winstonsboro. Soldiers were admitted to the game free.

Many who went into Great Falls Friday evening were guests at a Halloween party at the First Baptist Church. Dancing partners were provided and refreshments were served.

Saturday night, wool-clad soldiers and young misses from Great Falls enjoyed a street dance in the heart of the business district. No admission was charged for the community party.

Those who did not care to dance, played bingo free of charge in the Masonic Hall. Handsome prizes were given to the winners.

Soldiers in town around 6 p. m. dropped in to the recreation centers where they were served hot coffee and doughnuts.

Lancaster was host a second time to 1,000 31st Division men at a dance held in the Armory. The Lancaster Entertainment Committee arranged the affair. According to those who attended the affair they had plenty of pretty young misses for partners. The dance started at 8:00 and ended at 10:30 p. m. Music for dancing was provided by the 124th and 167th bands.

Soldiers who attended church in Great Falls Sunday morning were guests of local residents for dinner. Those who were not invited to dinner had coffee and doughnuts provided by the church. At 4:00 p. m. in the afternoon a community sing was held in the Elementary School.

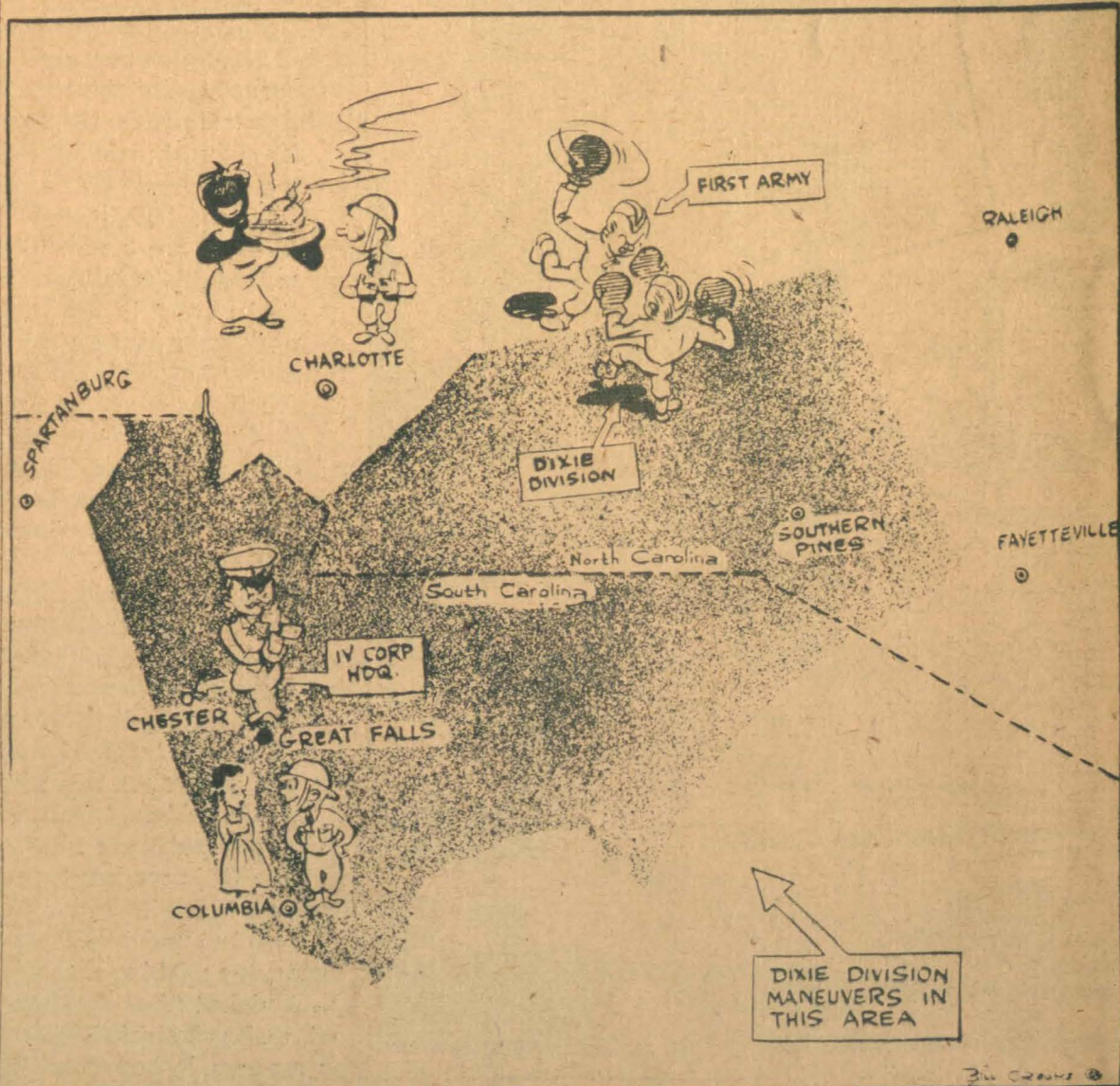
Thirteen Motor Men Form The Eight-Ball Club

The proverbial "Eight Ball" of pool hall fame is being used by the maintenance section of the 155th Infantry as an insignia for the work they do. Each member of the rough and rugged section wears on his lapel a black eight-ball.

This group of 13 soldier-mechanics, service the 155th's 220 vehicles. They often do without meals, rest, or sleep in order to see that these trucks are kept in running order.

Lieutenant L. E. "Joe" Dawson and his assistant Sgt. Elmer Corley head a crew composed of Pts. Charlie Lick, Lloyd Teaster, Red Robinson, William Petty, Viga Berry, Frank Webb, Joe Houston, Pat Hester, Roy Everett, George Garrett, and Villier Villamette. New members are initiated by being rolled in the dirt. This prepares them for a trip into a greasy motor.

SCENE FOR 'BATTLE OF THE CAROLINAS'



Dixie Division regiments will move out of bivouac areas near Great Falls this week to begin maneuvers which will extend over this wide area in South Carolina and North Carolina. Sketch shows some nearby points which may interest the Boys from Blanding some future week-ends.

Officers' Exam Boards Meet December 3rd

The IV Army Corps recently issued a memorandum stating that officers examining boards within Corps area will meet on or about December 3, for preliminary examination of applicants from all branches of the service for attendance at Officers Candidates Schools.

A board is to be appointed by Corps Headquarters to meet at each post and station, where there are sufficient applications.

The quotas of infantry students for November 26th and December 31st schools will be filled from applicants being considered by boards meeting in October and from qualified alternates who were considered by September boards. No additional boards will be appointed to consider applicants for December 31st schools.

Noticing that many soldiers of Company C, 167th Inf. were having difficulty spreading jelly on their bread, 1st Lt. Andrew Chaffin tasted the jelly to see if anything was wrong with it. The jelly was Jello.

USO Planned For Dixie Men Before Troops Arrived Here

A few days before the Dixie Division rolled into its concentration area, near Great Falls, the United Service Organization was conducting a maneuver of its own in the interest of Camp Blanding soldiers. The "maneuver" in this section was headed by Field Director Thomas Weiler, who with the assistance of his field man, Richard J. Moran, worked night and day to see that full comfort facilities and entertainment were arranged in this area for Dixie troops.

Mr. Morgan has been assigned to work with the Dixie Division. It is his particular job to serve as a liaison officer between the officers and communities where soldiers are camped.

For instance, Mr. Moran made a survey of Great Falls, Lancaster,

G-2's G-Whiz A Gone Dog

G-Whiz, small wire-haired terrier of G-2, passed on at 7:29 A. M. November 29th, to the land of dog biscuits with flavor, leaving no heirs. G-Whiz was quite young and just played around the section so far as is known.

It was a transmogrifying South Carolina wind that settled on G-Whiz during the night before and final hours of the morning. A cold, contracted in Blanding, went from bad to lung, and soon pneumonia was acquired, followed by a severe case of rigor mortis on the mentioned morning.

Funeral services were short, brief, and not held, according to reports.

HEAR GIRL CHOIR

Featuring a 13-girl capella choir from Faith Temple, Jacksonville, Fla. Chaplain Richard D. Wolcott, conducted a special morning service in the 167th Infantry Recreation Hall recently. His subject was "The Best in Life."

Great Falls Wins Soldiers' Okay As A 'Good Town'

The village of Great Falls, present bivouac area for the Dixie Division won the southern troops' highest compliment since their arrival here, when it became known as a "good soldiers' town."

This phrase bespeaks many things. First it means that residents are interested in the soldier and the particular job he is doing for National Defense. This interest was expressed materially when the Republic Mill built showers, the town permitted soldiers to use the hot showers in the high school, and churches, and fraternal clubs set up lounges in their buildings.

Seven lounges are maintained in the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal churches, the American Legion Hall and the Masonic Hall. Writing materials, soap and towels are provided by the United Service Organization. The WPA has hired janitors for each place.

Second Signal Company Selectee Wins Commission

Pvt. R. W. Kanning, 31st Signal Company, was promoted to Second Lieutenant this week to become the second selectee in the unit to receive a commission.

A Mobile boy, the new officer will attend the Fort Monmouth, N. J. Signal School and proceed from there to England for further instruction. Lt. Kanning, a graduate in engineering from the University of Alabama, was employed with the Alabama Power Co. before induction eight months ago.

Pvt. Taylor Drysdale, also a selectee in the Signal Company, received a commission three weeks ago.

When Lt. Kanning eventually reaches England, the number will be brought to six, the members from the Dixie unit who will be serving in the country.

155th Honors Sgt. Stribling For Heroism

The 155th Inf. Regiment paused from its hustle and bustle of last minute preparations and packing for Carolina games to honor Sgt. Rudolph Stribling of Co. F, who was presented the Rex I. Brown gold medal for heroism. The non-commissioned officer received the piece from Col. T. B. Birdsog, regimental commander in behalf of Rex I. Brown, Charles Elam and members of the Mississippi Power and Light Co., Jackson.

Sergeant Stribling stood at attention with the colonel of the regiment and his staff as the 2,500 men of the 155th passed in parade before him. This distinctive honor was conferred upon the Jackson boy in citation for the saving of Mr. Charlie Elam's life from electrocution by a 13,000 volt circuit.

It wasn't the first time that he had been cited for bravery. Once he stood before Gov. Hugh White as he pinned a medal on him for diving into the turbid waters of Black Creek to save several people from drowning. He also wears a National Guard service pin.

Before his induction into federal service, Sergeant Stribling was an employee of the Mississippi Power and Light. While on the job, his foreman, Mr. Elam, threw a metal tape over a live wire carrying a 13,000 volt current which instantly knocked him unconscious. Stribling rendered artificial respiration for four hours and is credited with saving Mr. Elam's life.

Engineers' Band Plays For Supper

The 106th Combat Engineers Band played for their supper Sunday evening Oct. 26th with a band concert in the Great Falls municipal park. At the conclusion of the concert, players were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Ferguson at a chicken dinner at their home.

The engineers left Camp Blanding on Friday, Oct. 25th, stopped one night in Swainsboro, Ga. and speeded on to Great Falls so that they could complete necessary repairs to roads and bridges before the main body of the division arrived during the week.

61st Brigade Complimented By Gen. Hutchinson

Speaking to Alabama's 167th Infantry on the day before its departure for war games in South Carolina, Brigadier General Joseph G. Hutchinson commended Alabama's soldiers upon their performance in Louisiana maneuvers but warned them against overconfidence during the coming test.

General Hutchinson, commanding general of the 62nd Infantry Brigade, expressed himself as being proud of the regiment, both on their performance in Louisiana and on the return movement.

He cited how civilian civic leaders along the route of march had complimented the soldiers on their excellent conduct, and military bearing.

GEN. PERSONS SELECTED BY GEN. GRISWOLD TO COMMAND IV CORPS IN EXERCISE

CONFER BEFORE COMBAT



As Dixie Division troops made camp in the Great Falls area last week, Major General Oscar W. Griswold and Major General John C. Persons conferred at the latter's command post on a rock-strewn Elizabeth Heights hillside. Major General Griswold, left, is commander of the IV Army Corps and will direct intra-Corps maneuvers before the IV AC opposes the First Army the latter part of November. Major General Persons will serve as acting commander of the IV Army Corps during maneuvers this week and next, while Major General Griswold acts as director of the exercises.

Employment Office Set Up In Blanding

The Florida State Employment Service has been established in Camp Blanding to help discharged selectees gain employment. The office is located in Building No. 195 corner of Waterbury Street and Mississippi Road, near the Quartermaster Warehouses.

Unit personnel officers have been requested to fill out form 128 and send it to the employment office seven days before the date the selectee is to be discharged. These forms will be reviewed and returned with the exception of the ones whose occupational history are such as are needed in defense inventories. Those who can perform an occupation essential to National defense will be interviewed and their qualifications sent to the places in need of skill.

BULLETIN BOARD LISTS SICK SOLDIERS

Company F 124th Inf. posts, on its bulletin board, names of their men who are in the hospital and their ward number. A notice is attached urging the men to visit the members of the company who are thus confined.

IV Corps Replacement Depot Formed Of Picked Dixie Men

Fourteen officers and 73 enlisted men—hand picked from various units of the Dixie Division—have been designated for the formation at IV Army Corps headquarters of a Provisional Replacement Depot, Headquarters and Headquarters company.

This personnel, after accompanying parent units to the Carolina maneuver area, was to begin its new operations with the IV AC headquarters November 1. Details of organization and assignment of personnel were handled by 1st Lt. C. F. Primm, assistant to the Dixie Division adjutant general, Lt. Col. T. D. Nettles, Jr.

Officers and men designated for the new unit, and the duties to which assigned, are:

BUGLER SO COLD PLAYS FROM BED

Bugle Sergeant Farley P. Butler of 155th Inf. Band, decided one day last week that it was too cold to get out of his tent to sound reveille. When his alarm clock sounded, Butler turned over, reached for his instrument, opened the front of his tent and sounded the "get up" call.

JUKE ORGAN DANCES AT LEGION HALL

Dances are held nightly in the American Legion Hall in Elizabeth Heights, just outside Great Falls. Soldiers are cordially invited to attend these informal affairs.

Mrs. W. Townsend Freeman who arranged the nightly parties states that a nickel record player provides music. Legionnaires themselves have spent several dollars in the juke organ for those who do not have the five cent piece in their pocket.

NEW FIRST SERGEANT

Sgt. Amelcar Hebert became first sergeant of Co. F, 156th Inf., last week. Pvt. 1st Milton C. Wiltz was made sergeant in charge of the unit's light machine-gun section.

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Daquette, Jr., Hq. 2nd Div., 167th Inf.; Adjutant-Captain John E. Manderville, Hq. Special Troops; Captain Quartermaster-Captain Charles E. Sellers, 166th QM; Convoy Officer-2nd Lt. Frank E. Parryer, 166th QM; Supply Officer-2nd Lt. George R. Donnan and 2nd Lt. John N. DePore, 156th Inf.; Mess Officer-1st Lt. William D. Seale, 156th Inf.; Commanding Officer, Hq. Co.-1st Lt. Roy W. Miles, 156th Inf.; Hq. Co.-1st Lt. John E. Kent, 167th Inf.; and 2nd Lt. Wilbur Smith, Jr., 156th Inf.; Records and Assignments Section-1st Lt. Berre W. Miller, and 2nd Lt. Frank H. Grove, 124th Inf.; 2nd Lt. Roy D. Green, 114th FA, and 2nd Lt. Jackson T. Kerr, 167th Inf.

Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre Will Direct The 31st Division

When the IV Army Corps goes into battle this week against the Provisional Blue Corps, it will be under command of the Dixie Division's own chief, Major General John C. Persons.

During the two corps maneuver phases in which General Persons will command the IV Army Corps, the Dixie Division will operate under command of Brigadier General Louis F. Guerre, commanding general of the 61st Infantry Brigade.

Major General Oscar W. Griswold, commanding general of the IV Army Corps, will serve as maneuver director for the first two phases, and Major General Charles L. Scott, 1st Armored Corps, will command the Prov. Blue Corps.

Major General Persons conferred at Chester, S. C. Saturday with Lieutenant General Hugh S. Drum, First Army commander, Major General Griswold and Major General Scott.

Movement of troops for the maneuver battle of the IV Army Corps vs. Prov. Blue Corps will begin Tuesday afternoon, according to an announcement from the headquarters of Major General O. W. Griswold, maneuver director.

It is possible, however, that Dixie Division units will not be required to move, but may take up battle positions from their present concentration areas.

For the first time since the Division has been engaged in maneuver problems, it will meet a force of equal strength. This will probably be the only instance when Southern troops will be pitted against the enemy man for man.

Emphasis in this maneuver will be placed on the "polishing" of motor movements, blackouts, and other tactical errors committed.

Dixie soldiers will operate in entirely new terrain. First maneuvers in Florida were in sandy soil. The Louisiana field exercises were through swamps and low lands. The Carolinas will be over rough hill sides, pitted by deep ravines and gullies.

The "battle" between the Red and Blue Corps is expected to get fully underway on Wednesday and continue until Friday. This will be followed by a critique on Sunday, November 9th.

The theatre of the battle will be staged between the Broad and Catawba Rivers, south of Chester.

The line up Red and Blue Forces for the "Battle of the Corps" follows:

Red Forces
Hq. IV Army Corps.
31st Inf. Division.
4th Motorized Division.
2nd Armored Division.
35th FA with 1 How Bn. attached.
20th Combat Engineers.
24th Infantry less 1 Bn.
1 Pursuit group plus VNF III.
22nd Bombardment group medium.
18th Ren Squadron M.
VB 8 USN attached to the 48th Bombardment Group.
66th Obsn Group less 118th Squadron—16th Obsn. Squadron.
Blue Forces
Hq. Provisional Blue force under command of General Charles Scott.
First Armored Corps, Fort Knox.
43rd Inf. Division.
74th FA Brigade less 35th FA and one How Bn.
GHQ AT group.
8th Cavalry horse with detachment of Battery C 55th FA attached.
45th Engrs. GS.
135th Medical Regiment.
128th Combat Team.
20th Pursuit group.
17th Bombardment group M.
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PAYMENT IN KIND

The people of this section seem to have taken the soldiers to their hearts. They speak before the service man can pass, actually seem to want him to visit their towns and have made every effort to see that he is as well entertained as possible.

Everyone is genuine, and definitely has a kind word to say about the actions of men in uniform since arrival for maneuvers. From stories of the conduct of men in divisions that have already been here for awhile, it is pretty obvious that soldier reputation is pretty good in these parts. Perhaps that is explained by the statement of a lady in Great Falls, a small town near our base camp. She said, "Conduct of soldiers seems to be merely a reflection of the attitude of the people he meets."

We hope this is so. We are certain it will prove to be the case with the Dixie division. Certainly, the people here have done everything possible to make us welcome and happy. It is up to us to justify their faith. We can add more proof that soldiers are just everyday American citizens dressed up in a khaki suit.

Of course, the man in uniform has a little more headache than the average John Doe when it comes to responsibility for behavior. People are prone to judge all men in the army by the actions of those they have witnessed.

For the sake of the other men in the outfit, as well as yourself, remember that the people here have been high in their praise of the conduct of previous military visitors. We can add to that or detract. But that isn't much a matter of worry in our minds. There are no complaints from areas visited by the Dixie Division. We are certain there won't be any.

The lady will find that she is perfectly right. Members of the 31st can prove that the free hands, open hearted attitude of the peoples in North and South Carolina will be reflected completely by the southern troopers. It's a matter of pride, and that's one thing this outfit has in great quantities.

A WORD TO KP'S

Addressing a message to the men who do KP duty is almost an open letter to the Division. But the word in this instance is about the serving of food. Tomatoes, potatoes, steak, and cole slaw piled into one gory mess is hardly palatable. Just a little care in filling messkits can make a meal a lot more enjoyable. Remember, practically every man in the outfit has to do that duty, and thoughtfulness on the part of the soldier who handles such minor details is a big help.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

When Private August Homer of 1st Bat. Headquarters Det., 124th Inf., was asked if there were any Armadillos in South Carolina he inquired:

"Are they the animals we saw in Louisiana, the kind that look like a cross between an opossum and a loaf of G.I. bread?"

LIKES REBELS

Pvt. John Shaming of Pittsburgh Pa., is the only Yankee in the 2nd Bn. Hq., 155th. He likes it fine, "Southern boys treat me wonderfully," he smiles. Some of his newly formed pals laughingly threaten to send him to a yankee division, and immediately he rebels. "I'm staying, I don't like those guys so well anyway."

Master Sergeant Ends 17 Years Service In N. C.

A record of 17 years continuous service was broken last week with the release of Master Sergeant P. J. Gillen of New Orleans, member of Headquarters Co., 156th Inf.

Sgt. Gillen, who enlisted in 1924 had 13 different chances to get out but reenlisted 13 different times.

His period of service included duty under five different company commanders. Gillen had missed only three drills and had made only two sick calls, while his company was at Blanding.

Engineer Youngest Warrant Officer At Ft. Belvoir

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The youngest Warrant Officer (until a month ago) in the United States Army is a student now in the Officers Candidate Course here at Fort Belvoir.

He is Paul R. Sheffield, 106th Engineers, 24, of Jackson, Mississippi, and in the course of the next three months, he hopes to trade his "Mr." for a "Sir." Until a month ago, he was the youngest Warrant Officer in the Army, but now a soldier from the state of Maine holds the honor.

Sheffield came to Belvoir from Camp Blanding, Florida, recently, where he had been sent with the Mississippi National Guard upon their Federalization in the Army, on November 25th, 1940. He had been with National Guard for a period of six years, and starting as a private had advanced himself to Warrant Officer in that time.

An interesting feature about the induction of the Mississippi National Guard, was the Guard band of which Sheffield was bandmaster. Composed entirely of students at Millsaps College, in Jackson, Mississippi, whose average age was 21, it was inducted as a unit along with the Guard.

The band became nationally prominent through a slip of the tongue made by Graham McNamee in 1932, at the time of the first Roosevelt inaugural, when he identified them as they passed in review as the Marine band, and remarked that he had never seen a better drilled organization.

Color Film Tells Story Of Progress At Camp Blanding

CAMP BLANDING — A complete motion picture record of the construction work at this camp has been shot in color film.

Charles A. Bond, Jr., Motion Picture Director for the Office of the Quartermaster General, and his assistant, Earl Keyes, have stored away in weather proof containers 4800 feet of film — a visual record of the progress made at Camp Blanding from the first ground breaking to the flag raising. Running time for the film is 1-2 hours.

The value of such film is incalculable and much superior to the old method of written records, although the latter method is of course still in use. Not only does it show how many men were engaged on what project but also the methods used on that project.

By viewing the films, engineers and supervisors can readily ascertain where man-hours are being best utilized and where methods are returning the best results.

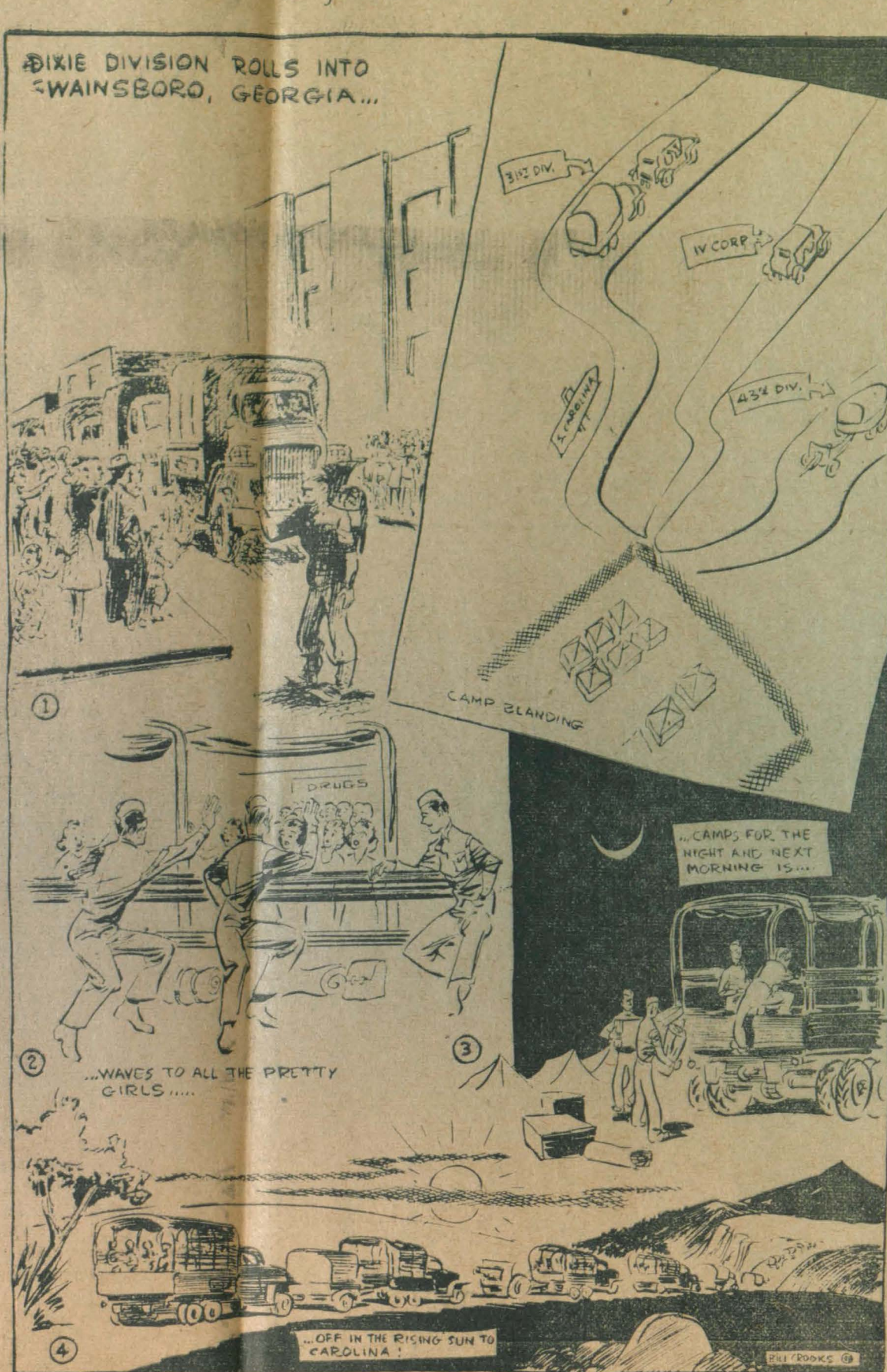
The films are also of great value to other construction organizations since they permit a minute study of successful methods used.

Conductor Praises Fried Chicken

F. B. Hutto, conductor of Seaboard Air Lines Railroad, had ridden trains for thirty years, many of them troop trains from Starke, Fla. to Columbia, S. C. but it was the first time during his career that he had stood in a baggage car and eaten all the fried chicken he wished last week.

The baggage car was the kitchen of Company L, 167th Infantry, attached to the troop train bearing the third battalion of that regiment to South Carolina war games. Mess Sgt. Jack Warren served fried chicken to his company and invited the conductor to eat his fill.

From the Land of Sunshine and Flowers...
to just a Little Bit South of North Carolina



Marathon Bridge Tournament Was Started Last Spring

Soldiers of Company L, 137th Inf., were still engaged in a bridge tournament, which began last Spring, as the company proceeded to the South Carolina maneuver area from Camp Blanding. Fifteen enlisted men are playing in the never-ending game, according to 1st Sgt. William Akins.

Corp. James Davis is the recorder of the marathon tournament, Sgt. Akins said. He further explained that at the end of each month on pay day each of the men who play seek out Corp. Davis. If he has winnings due him the corporal pays him at one-tenth of a cent per point. If his month's play has netted him a loss the player pays the pool the amount the recorder's figures call for.

"We have to play auction bridge," one of the players explained, "because contract runs into too much money for soldier's pay."

DeBray Children Want Their Pet Setter Returned

The DeBray children of Winnfield, La., want their setter bird dog back home again.

Their father, H. L. DeBray of 304 St. John Street, Winnfield, said the dog was five years old, white and black and tick colored with a slight jerk in his left leg when standing still but that the DeBray children would rather have him than all the other dogs in the world.

DeBray suspects the animal joined the Army during maneuvers when soldiers, thinking him a stray, may have adopted him as a mascot.

Keep the home folks posted on the maneuvers; send them this copy of THE DIXIE.

SOLDIERS CLAIM ODD NICKNAMES

Company C, 106th Engineers claims the title for having the most unusual nicknames in the Dixie Division.

Here are a few of them: Sgt. John R. "Cue Ball" Helms, Sgt. John M. "Little John" O'Neal, Corp. Sterling L. "Pollock" Harrell, Pvt. 1cl. Richard M. "Congo," Gilder, Pvt. 1cl. Vance W. "Nehi" Harper, Pvt. Kirby E. "Sparrow Hawk" Taylor, Ollie W. "Blue Darter" Taylor and Asa V. "Monk" Teasley.

SOLDIERS FETED AT CHURCH DANCE

Soldiers of the 124th Infantry enjoyed a dance arranged in their honor recently in Jacksonville by the Service League of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The dance was under the supervision of Mrs. Olga Young and Allen Hovey, councilors of the Service League.

ANDREW JACKSON, BORN NEAR BIVOUAC AREA ONCE LED FIRST MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT IN WAR OF 1812

By Corp. James Alsop

The Dixie division finds itself on a new battleground this month, encamped in hills where Confederate troops once tried their cavalry tactics against the forces of the blue clad Union armies. The pride of the Carolinas, a man who is claimed as a native son by both states in which maneuvers will be held, is Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson, a hero to every American, Northerner, Southerner and Westerner.

An even closer bond exists between the 31st and this section when it is recalled that the First Mississippi, now the Dixie Division's 156th Infantry, marched under the General, who later became President, at both the battle of Pensacola and the Battle of New Orleans.

They, the historic Regiment and the great soldier-statesman, acquitted themselves during both actions, then separated to write their individual chapters in this country's share on the pages of history. Now the descendants of the men who fought under Old Hickory practice war near the spot where the great man was born.

Others in the division have their own family members who saw service under the brilliant strategist. Louisianians know of his exploits, many members of the 156th Infantry possibly have heard first hand stories of his defense of their largest city.

In a small, fenced plot, a great stone marker covers the approximate spot where the General was supposed to have been born. The old James Crawford Plantation, near Lancaster, S. C., is now owned by Col. T. Y. Williams.

They're as touchy about their history up here as we are at home. Never, never refer to that little scrap in '61 as the Civil War. No — it's the War Between the States. And don't be too positive — we aren't — about Jackson's birthplace.

ROCK HILL, S. C. Major point of interest in this city of over ten thousand — at least to soldiers, is the friendly spirit and Winthrop College. The latter gives higher education to approximately two thousand young ladies, no men profaning the grounds of the school. But they can get out. Their blue uniforms dot the streets of the town daily. Hours for dates are uncertain.

Rock Hill is twenty-seven miles from Great Falls, the same distance from Charlotte, N. C.

LANCASTER, S. C. Largely a manufacturing town, boasting a mill which at one time was reputed to be the largest of its kind under one roof. Great plans are under way for entertaining the soldiers, and the Chamber of Commerce has laid out the welcome mat.

CHESTER, S. C. Headquarters for our own IV Army Corps at present, the city boasts a population of almost ten thousand. Built on the very top of a hill, the city surprises five highways as they reach the top of a dome to find themselves suddenly in the heart of a business section. It is the county seat of Chester County, boasting a court house and pretty girls as major attractions.

MONROE, N. C. Maneuver headquarters for Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair, head of our War Games, the little town has become a nerve center for this section. From there will come the final decisions on our work during November. Not more outstanding than other towns of its

size in this section, other than the importance in a military sense.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Large Metropolitan center for this section, the city surpasses the one-hundred-thousand mark. Outside the maneuver area, but a very attractive place for the soldier with a yen for wandering. The Automobile Club will furnish tours of the city for visiting men in uniform.

OTHER TIDBITS

This section seems to come under the domination of the Duke dynasty — boasting Doris Duke Cromwell as the most publicized member of the family at present since the old gentleman who pushed Duke's Mixture into the national picture, passed away, leaving only a University, the Great Falls cotton mills and a few other trivial souvenirs as mementoes of his stay in this life.

Tobacco land is just above us and to the east, so if you want to hear the famous chant of the auctioneer, catch a few days to travel. Plenty of sights. The people, to all appearances, really welcome soldiers. Now if it weren't for that maneuver schedule —



By PRIVATE COLE DRUMP
(Special to the Dixie)

With the 31st Division Shivering on a Carolina Hillside, Nov. 3—Various and sundry methods of fighting the chill night air of these rock bound hillsides have been found by ingenious soldiers of the Dixie division, but this writer stumbled upon a veritable mine or ideas while sliding across a boulder in search of a juicy pine log to use as the basis of a heating plant recently installed in the front of our tent.

The mine was represented by a little man who sat naked, except for a pair of shorts, sunning himself by the light of the Carolina moon. He was singing "Just a long way south of South Carolina" and casually inspecting two frostbitten toes. Not at all surprised to see me, he beckoned me to a seat.

Upon taking a spot beside him on his stone pedestal, I found the entire seat shaking. Both our seats, I should say. We looked under the rock, but it suddenly became still. Regaining our places, the violent rocking began again.

He solemnly handed me a typewritten list. As far as I could tell, the only things on the paper were the letters A, B, C, D, E, etc. They were in a single line up and down the page. Here are his not too practical ideas on ways to keep warm these chilly nights.

A—In order to get in good with the company on a cold morning, pour kerosene on each pup tent and set a match to the mess. This little method will insure warm greeting from the fellows upon return from the stockade.

B—Climb a convenient pine tree and have the boys build a bonfire at the foot. Remember, never, never take a saw with you. You might be dumb enough to cut the limb behind you. The heat rising from the fire will remove all signs of chill.

C—If your buddies have already stacked firewood in a neat pile, enough to last through the night, tiptoe silently up and make one big bonfire. This will give them a chance to get thoroughly thawed right in the middle of the night.

D—If the weather is freezing, pour water on the blankets. It will rapidly become ice and hold the wind out. The sleepers will appreciate this when they awake.

E—At midnight, call out the company, tell them it's reveille, and start exercises. This is fine for the circulation and the little roadwork you will get will do you good. (He eyed my bay window at that moment.)

F—If no matches are at hand, and you can't find two boys scouts, try rubbing a couple of soldiers together.

A violent fit of coughing caused him to stop at this moment, and as I started to ease away, he put a trembling hand on my arm, looked at me through pitiful red eyes and pleaded, through convulsions: "Don't go away." He seemed to go into hysterics.

With only a bruised shin and a skinned knee, I made the trip back to our campfire in six seconds. My tentmate was shaking a slip of paper. "A pass," he shouted. "I'm gonna go into town and huddle close to a stove inside a steam heated building."

The scene made me solemnly recall an old Chinese proverb: A spontaneous idea is sometimes almost as sensible as a well planned campaign.

TEN ANSWER WHEN NAME IS CALLED

Anti-tank Company, 156th Inf., believes it holds the record for having the most number of men in any one unit in the Army with the same name. When the name Broussard is shouted in the company street, ten men answer.

They are Corps. Ernest and Hector; Pvt. 1cl. Albert L.; and Pvt. Adam H. Freeman F., Murphy, Murphy J., Nelson, Algerman E. and Jules F.

Jules F. and Albert and Hector and Murphy are brothers while Ernest is the uncle of Algermon.

Sports Arena Will Have No Steel Beams

CAMP BLANDING. — Special construction is going into this Army camp's huge sports arena field house to save steel.

Where steel would ordinarily be used to brace the roof of a structure of this size, the entire building being 131 by 217 feet with a floor space 100 by 180, wood is being employed in such a manner that it is as strong as steel.

The supporting beams are of lamella construction, all wood in one continuous arch with no additional bracing. This again is unusual for ordinarily, even if steel were used, there would be horizontal beams which would lower the useful space between floor and ceiling but in this case there will be no such obstructions and the inside height will be 30 feet from floor to the roof.

The building, to cost \$58,000, and be finished by Dec. 15, is being erected under supervision of the Constructing Quartermaster.

Bleachers will be set up with a seating capacity of 2,750 for basketball and 3,750 for boxing or wrestling. The building is located near the Kingsley Lake front not far from the hospital area.

REPUBLIC THEATRE GREAT FALLS, S. C.

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 3-4, "Topper Returns" with Joan Blondell and Roland Young.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, "Out of the Fog" with Ida Lupino and John Garfield.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 6-7, "Kiss the Boys Goodbye" with Don Ameche and Mary Martin.

Saturday, Nov. 8, Double Feature. "Under Fiesta Stars" with Gene Autrey and "The Parson of Panamint" with Charles Ruggles and Ellen Drew.

Division Pay Roll Increase Set At \$165,000 A Month

Age Retires Three Of Seven 167th Officers — Were Buddies 23 Years

Twenty-three years ago today seven soldiers of the 167th Infantry moved into the front lines together in the last phase of the Argonne offensive in France. Recently those same seven soldiers, officers of the same regiment, dined together in the 31st Division Service club. They were honoring three of the seven who would not accompany the regiment when it departed for war games in South Carolina.

Capt. Joe Lewis of Gadsden, Capt. William E. Heaton of Gadsden and 1st Lt. James L. Wall of Birmingham, as over-age officers, had been relieved of their duties with combat troops in keeping with a War Department policy.

As the troops moved out last week it marked the first time since before the World War that the seven officers have not served together in the 167th Infantry.

Acting as toastmaster at the dinner was Lt. Col. James A. Webb, of Birmingham, executive officer of the Alabama regiment. Lt. Col. Harry E. Smith, commanding the third battalion, Major Charlton L. Ragsdale, executive officer of the third battalion and Capt. Ollie Mabry, commanding Company M were the other veterans present. All three officers are from Birmingham. Also present were Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Smith, wives of Cols. Webb and Smith.

Col. Webb called attention to the fact that the total number years of service in the 167th was over 160 years. He further reminisced upon several instances which occurred during the final offensive of the World War I. His story led to others and the seven buddies who are now but four swapped yarns until far into the night.

114th Band Concert Of Swing Classics Well Received

The 114th Field Artillery Band, former students of the University of Mississippi, recently presented a concert of "Classic Swing" at the 31st (Dixie) Division Service Club. The program of marches, swing numbers, and classics was well received by soldiers. In the absence of Warrant Officer Hugh N. Whitfield, the band was under the direction of Master Sergeant Hansford L. Simmons, Jr.

Highlight of the program was the rendition by Pvt. 1st. Carl M. Johnson, saxophonist in the band, of "Marie Elena" and "Green Eyes." During a ten minute intermission several popular numbers were presented by Sergeant Virgil S. Atkins, Jr., on the marimba.

Three Alabama Men To Become Flying Non-Coms

Three Alabama soldiers of the 167th Infantry received notice this week of their appointment to the school for aviation students at Muskogee, Okla. The men to be named as "flying non-commissioned officers," are Sgt. Andrew Smith of Tuscaloosa, Co. A; Corp. William F. Ball, of Birmingham's Co. K and Pvt. 1st. Luther J. Smith of Gadsden and Service Co. They will report for training Nov. 6.

SIX MEN PARTNERS FOR 150 GIRLS

When the Third Battalion Convoy of the 156th Inf. Regiment got lost recently while seeking their dance in Jacksonville, six men of the unit enjoyed soldiers' paradise when they squired 150 pretty misses.

The convoy finally found the dance—an hour and fifteen minutes late. In the meantime the six soldiers did their best to dance with as many young ladies as possible.

HIS WARM BED 40 MILES AWAY

While Pvt. Jack Francis of Hq. 2nd Bn, 156th Inf., was making his bed in the Mississippi Regiment's bivouac area, he gave thought to his home in Charlotte, N. C. You see his own warm bed was less than 40 miles away. He is a selectee recently inducted at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Flowers Dedicated To Dixie's Soldiers

Dixie Division soldiers who attended services at Great Falls First Baptist Church last Sunday, were impressed by a large bouquet of dahlias which, according to Rev. Wade Griffin, pastor, were dedicated to the soldiers.

The flowers were the gift of Fred R. Campbell, a resident of the community. Soldiers personally thanked Mr. Campbell for the thoughtful gesture and learned that he has a son in training at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Train Troops Parade For Monroe Folk

When the troop train bearing the third battalion of the 167th Inf. stopped for several minutes at Monroe, N. C., Lt. Col. Harry Smith, battalion commander allowed his men to leave the train to "stretch their legs."

Forming the battalion the colonel marched the soldiers through the town, where is located the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Hugh Drum, commander of the 1st Army.

"Get a good look fellows," Col. Smith told his men as they walked through the town, "I want you to be able to recognize it when we take it during the coming battle."

"I see a good spot for a concealed bivouac," Capt. John Wilkins, commander of Co. L jokingly pointed out. "We can sneak the battalion in here some dark night and capture the general, headquarters and all," he said.

ENGINEERS BUSY REPAIRING ROADS

The 106th Engineers were kept busy all last week while other troops were on the road, repairing and building roads in the Great Falls area where the Dixie Division has established its base camp.

Companies D, E, F constructed showers, A and B roads and turn-offs. Company C constructed an unloading camp at Southern Freight Yards in Chester, S. C.

REPORTER PLAYS TRICK ON SELF

Pvt. Ed J. Land, Jr., member of the company A, 156th Inf., and a member of the 31st Division Press Section, tells this one on himself.

His tent leader, Sgt. B. B. Mackay, Jr., had just received a box of candy from his wife.

The reporter saw what he thought was the last piece of candy in the box. He thrust it in his mouth and expelled it vigorously when he realized it was a piece of G-I soap.

UNIT ALWAYS PICKS DEAD PLACE TO PITCH TENTS

At every stop the 155th Infantry makes, Headquarters Company is usually bivouacked near graveyards.

During over 60 days of maneuvering in Louisiana, each bivouac area—close to a cemetery. Not a hundred yards from the CP and Headquarters Company near Great Falls is a negro church and graveyard. The inscription on one of the tombstones reads "Good-bye uncle, don't complain in paradise."

Switch Commanders Of 156th Battalions

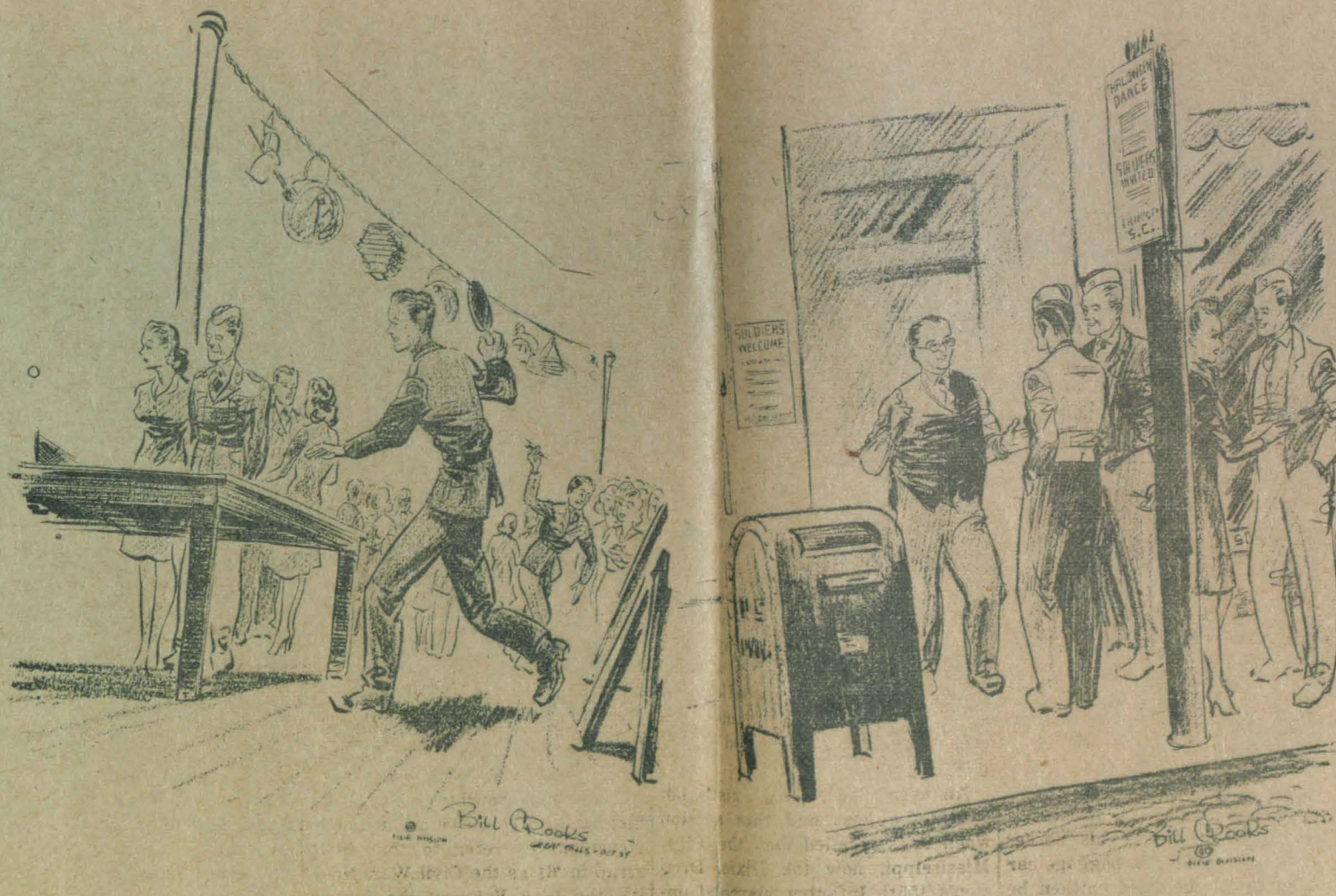
The three battalions of Louisiana's 156th Infantry regiment had new commanders last week in a switch of officers for the Carolina maneuvers.

Lt. Col. Warner L. Bruner, former commander of the Second Battalion, took charge of the First Battalion; Lt. Col. Frank P. Stubbs, Jr., of the Third Battalion, took Col. Bruner's place as head of the Second; and Lt. Col. Jasper K. Wright, who had led the First Battalion, was given command of the Third.

We Got a Cold Shoulder from the Weather . . .



. . . but a Warm Welcome from Carolinians



OFFICERS' CENTERS IN GREAT FALLS

Great Falls Community Center on Republic street has been turned into a Dixie Division Officers Club while troops are bivouacked in this area. There they may rest, write letters, or be informed as to location of units in this section.

BANTAM ROOSTER 116th UNIT PET

An unusual pet for a soldier is "Red" the bantam rooster owned by Pvt. 1st. Teddy Southard of Headquarters Battery 2nd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery.

ENGINEERS ENJOY

The 106th Engineers were special guests at a dance given by Great Falls residents last Saturday night, a few hours after they had arrived in the community.

NAME BAND MUSICIAN IN 156th

Among the selectees received by the regimental band of the 156th Infantry in the last quota was Pvt. 1st. Bill Fant, who played tenor sax with Jerry Sears' band.

REPUBLIC MILLS BUILD SHOWERS

Officials and workmen of Republic Cotton Mills of Great Falls are to be thanked for the showers which have been installed in a building in the business section.

The United Service Organization provided the funds for towels and soap and the WPA the janitor to keep the place in order.

The sign, "Soldiers Lounge" displayed several places throughout the town were also made by the cotton mills. Janitors have been provided by the WPA to keep the soldiers' lounges which have been set up in churches and schools clean.

Let Hair Grow So Lady Barbers Can Trim Locks

Long hair and long beards will be the rule in Louisiana's 156th Infantry regiment until the Carolina maneuvers are over say several men of the regiment. The reason, they declare, is to give the barbers back at the regimental PX a chance to earn their money.

You see, just before the 156th left camp last week, the canteen barbershop received new employees — two young girls who will shave rough soldier beards and cut long soldier hair.

HIS RISE AND FALL IN RANK WAS FAST

Army promotions come fast some times, and demotions often come just as fast. This, a Miami lad in the 124th Infantry knows only too well. While the infantryman was on a furlough he was made a private first class. He overstayed his time and was immediately reduced to a basic private status. On his return from his AWOLage, he was put on kitchen duty, and then for the first time learned that he had been a Pvt. 1st. and was again a Pvt. without having actually served a day with the former rating.

OFFICERS DIG PITS TO KEEP WARM

The most unusual sight to date in South Carolina was that of commissioned officers of Co. A 156th Inf., swinging picks along with their men to dig garbage pits and latrines.

Said First Lt. Ludlow B. Baynard, Jr., acting commanding officer of the company, who with Second Lt. Van Mayhall gave a hand to the boys, "It's one way of keeping warm."

VET. GUARDSMAN LEAVES SERVICE

Co. A, 156th Inf., bid farewell to its veteran enlisted man, Sgt. Woodrow Bowman, who was released from active duty on the "over twenty-eight" clause of the Army Extension bill just before the unit left Camp Blanding for the Carolina maneuvers.

Sgt. Bowman had been with the company since 1930, having had 11 years of continuous National Guard service and 11 months active duty. He enlisted at 17.

114th Private Owner Of Sugar Plantation

Battery F, 114th FA, boasts one of the few plantation owners in the 31st Infantry Division. He is Pvt. Donnie Gatreux and the Louisiana sugar plantation is the property of the attractive Lucile Reaux, whom Pvt. Gatreux married while on pass during maneuvers.

156th Soldiers Join Non-Com Air School

Two Co. F, 156th Inf. non-coms joined the Army Air corps this week. They are Sgts. Shirley R. Trumps and George E. Burch.

The two non-commissioned officers remained at Camp Blanding to journey to the Spartan School of Aeronautics at Muskogee, Okla., where they will enroll in an eight-months' non-coms flying course.

Sgt. Trumps was company clerk of Co. F and Sgt. Burch was platoon sergeant. The new company clerk is Corp. Ambrose Kilchrist.

Guardsmen Will Get Raise After Nov. 25th

Approximately \$165,000 in pay increases will go to Dixie Division soldiers who will have completed a year's active service by Nov. 25, James F. Cogdell, Division Finance Officer, announced today.

The Selective Service Training Service Act, which was amended August 18, provided each man who has served a year will receive a \$10.00 increase. This figure 33 1-3 cents more a day.

November pay rolls will carry the increased pay for six day for those guardsmen who have served a year. Others who joined the division at a later date will receive an increase in pay at the completion of 12 months service.

The addition of this increase will make the monthly rate of pay of men who have completed 12 months service as follows:

Master Sergeant	\$136.00
Technical Sergeant	94.00
Staff Sergeant	82.00
Sergeant	70.00
Corporal	64.00
Private 1st.	46.00
Private	40.00

A limited number of Privates and Privates 1st. may be given special rates with additional pay as follows:

1st CL	\$30.00	2nd CL	\$25.00
3rd CL	20.00	4th CL	15.00
5th CL	6.00	6th CL	3.00

The total increase in pay per month for men of the Division at its present strength when all men have completed 12 months service will amount to \$164,840.00.

Wedding Held Up Until 124th Private Finds His License

Private Allan M. Holliday, of Company D, 124th Inf., was married on a recent furlough to Miami to the former Miss Carolyn Wise, but that's not all the story.

The blonde infantryman from the Magic City was so excited about it all, even though he had been engaged for almost two years, that when he and his bride reached the minister's home for the ceremony he could not find the marriage license. A lengthy search for the important paper was instituted, but it was not forthcoming.

As a result, the nuptials had to be postponed until the following morning. This time the event went off without a mishap. Pvt. Holliday went to the court house, secured the license, and was married on the spot by Judge Blanton.

LOUNGES PROVIDE STAMPED CARDS

Stamped postal cards are provided each enlisted man who registers at any of the seven soldiers' lounges in Great Falls. All a soldier has to do is to fill in the blank spaces with his parents, sweetheart wife or friend name and they will know that he is writing from a comfortable place in a community which is interested in him and the part he plays in National Defense.

The card is left at the soldier's lounge, and the person in charge sees that it is mailed. The penny correspondence is the idea of Mr. F. E. Van Tine, an official of Republic Mills, Great Falls.

REALISTIC DREAM

A pre-maneuver "maneuver" was the lot of Pvt. Ray Lee, of Alexandria, member of the Service Co., 156th Inf., recently.

Pvt. Lee, a truck driver, was pushing his big "six-by-six" northward along a South Carolina road. Suddenly, from the brush appeared a group of soldiers, wearing the Blue armband of the First Army. "Halt, you're captured!" they yelled.

Pvt. Lee, by no means a quitter, jammed the accelerator to the floor. Rifles came to the shoulders of the Blue men.

"I woke up then," the embarrassed private sheepishly explained to members of his company the following morning.

Capt. Paul L. Tatum, 2nd Bn, 114th FA staff, is back with the regiment after several weeks in the station hospital.

SCOVILLE BROTHERS RETIRE; MEMBERS OF OLD DIXIE DIV.

The Dixie Division lost two of its original members recently when the Scoville brothers of Service company 124th Inf. obtained releases under the age priority. The story of these two brothers seems to be based on a combination of brotherly love and a love for army life.

Master Sergeant John Scoville and his brother Technical Sergeant George Scoville first entered service in the 1st Fla. Inf. at Camp Black Point (the present site of Jacksonville air base) in 1916. Later that same year the brothers transferred to the 118th Field Artillery of the newly formed Dixie Division and were stationed at Camp Wheeler. "Believe it or not, said the brothers, "our first duty at Camp Wheeler was chopping cotton."

The camp was being constructed on a cotton field and soldiers were assigned to clear the ground. Their pay was fifty cents per day.

When the 106th Eng. were formed, George served in that unit as drill sergeant. Upon America's entry into the war both boys went to France, John with the 118th F. A. and George as a casual. However, soon after his arrival in France George joined the 118th F. A. to be with his brother and the inseparable brothers served together through the war.

John and George returned to civilian life in 1919 when the army was demobilized, but after a few years they longed for the army life again and in 1927 enlisted in the 124th Florida Inf. As John played a musical instrument he desired to join the band, but did not want to do so unless his brother could join also. George solved this by learning to play the drum. After tooting the horn and beating the drum six years the brothers transferred to Service. Here the older brother George became first sergeant and John took over the duties of regimental personnel sergeant.

The following year John went to work at regimental supply office as master sergeant and George stepped into specialist work with a technical sergeant rating.

Master Sergeant John Scoville who is forty-eight years of age, is married and has two children. He will return to his home in St. Augustine, Fla.

Technical Sergeant George Scoville will reside with Mrs. Scoville at their home in Elkton, Fla. He just passed his fiftieth birthday.

"Perhaps the youngsters who are coming into the army today are unable to understand the feeling that we have toward army life," said the old timers, "but when something has been a part of your life for so long you can't just laugh it off and say it was all a joke. "We are proud of the 124th and the Dixie, we are a part of it—why shouldn't we be—it's a personal pride and a pride in the friends that we have made here."

Composer Of 156th March Released

Pvt. 1st. Oliver East, composer of 156th Inf. Reg. march tune, "Men of the 156th" was released from the Army prior to his unit's move to the Carolinas for War Games.

Before joining the Louisiana Band, as a drummer, East was a member of F Company. In civilian life he was connected with New Orleans Tin Pan Alley Musicians.

Other bandmen lost via the twenty-eight year old route are: Pvt. 1st. Bill Reynolds, bass violinist and Pvt. 1st. Bill Monroe, tenor sax specialist.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST READY TO HELP MEN

Grover S. Balfour, Camp Blanding representative of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, urges all soldiers of his faith or otherwise, to contact him should they feel the need for guidance.

By mail, Mr. Balfour can be reached at 320 Peninsular Bldg., Jacksonville, or at Camp Blanding. Long a worker with young people, Mr. Balfour has had much success since he has been at Blanding.

Literature of his faith, including the Christian Science Monitor, is available at the Service Club and soon will be in all of the reading rooms.

Sergeant Frank Mahoney and Corporal John Martin of Headquarters Company, 155 Infantry returned from mess recently to find their pup tent on fire. Now is seems as if they will go through maneuvers without a change of clothing.

Lt. Leavine Returns To Civilian Life

One of the oldest men in the point of service in the 116th Field Artillery, returned to civilian life last week when Second Lieut. Edgar E. Leavine, Tampa, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, was relieved from active duty on his own request.

Lieut. Leavine has been a member of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, since 1923 and has spent all his time in that unit except for a short stay in Battery A, another Tampa battery.

"When I first enlisted in Headquarters Battery, I had no idea I would remain in for such a long period," Lieut. Leavine stated. "At that time we had horses and the work was a lot harder than it is now with big trucks to do the work. At least you don't have to feed a truck before you take care of yourself, which is just what a man had to do when the artillery had the horses."

In the eighteen and a half years he has been in the service Lieut. Leavine saw 31 days service in the disastrous flood that hit Moore Haven in 1926. He served during the famous Tampa jail riot in 1927.

The Lieut. is well known in Tampa and the west coast of Florida as an athlete, where he starred in baseball, football, basketball and other sports. He played football at Jesuit High School.

Lieut. Leavine had been first sergeant of his battery for 14 years before being promoted to master sergeant this year at Camp Blanding. On June 7, 1941 he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Gen. Persons

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15th Bombardment Squadron L attached 46th group.

51st Bombardment Squadron L (46th Bombardment group).

89th Recon Squadron.

111 Observation Squadron.

118th Observation Squadron.

NOTE: 101st AW Bn Coast Artillery AA will be attached to Blue and 67th Coast Artillery AA attached to Red for second phase.

IV Corps Depot

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AG Sec.: Stenographer—Pvt. 1st. George A. Treblich, Hq. Co., 106th QM.

Pvt. Andrew T. Doris, Co. A, 155th Inf.

Pvt. Albert M. Pitman, Co. B, 155th Inf.

Company Headquarters: First Sergeant—1st Sgt. Marion F. Deane, Btry. D, 114th FA; 1st Sgt. Mitchell C. Chester, Co. C, 167th Inf.; Clerk—Corp. J. C. Amosworth, Co. B, 155th Inf.; Pvt. James M. Sheffield, Co. E, 167th Inf.; Pvt. Milton B. Applebaum, Btry. B, 114th FA.

Pvt. Thomas D. Boudreaux, Co. E, 156th Inf.; Pvt. John S. Hicks, Btry. A, 116th FA; Pvt. Robert M. Riley, Btry. B, 116th FA; Pvt. Lawrence R. Roebke, Jr., Btry. F, 124th Inf.; Pvt. James C. Taylor, Btry. D, 117th FA.

Classification Section: Clerk—Typist—Corp. Charles Anderson Joyner, Btry. A, 116th FA; Pvt. Charles A. Gardner, Co. A, 124th Inf.

Pvt. 1st. Frank P. Carr, Co. K, 156th Inf.; Pvt. Floyd C. Glover, Co. A, 156th Inf.; Pvt. Woodrow McManus, Co. C, 156th Inf.

Records and Assignment Section: Tech Sgt. William G. Grace, Serv. Btry. 1st Bn, 114th FA; Sgt. Luther B. Keene, Serv. Ann. Btry., 116th FA; Sgt. Grover C. Taylor, Serv. Ann. Btry., 117th FA; Corp. Jack F. Cowthorn, Serv. Ann. Btry. 2nd Bn, 117th FA; Clerk and Typist—Pvt. James A. Bower, Hq. Btry. 1st Bn, 117th FA; Pvt. Hilmer J. Boudreaux, Co. L, 156th Inf. (DS AG Sec.); Pvt. Ueber S. Adams, Co. D, 167th Inf.; Pvt. James T. Eason, Co. E, 167th Inf.; Pvt. James S. Hall, Co. B, 167th Inf.; Pvt. William J. Campbell, Co. B, 167th Inf.; Pvt. William F. Bradley, Co. A, 167th Inf.; Pvt. Joseph E. Potera, Co. A, 156th Inf.; Pvt. Hayes L. Brown, Co. L, 167th Inf.; Pvt. John L. Wilk, Co. C, 167th Inf.; Pvt. Donald L. Dean, Co. C, 124th Inf.; Pvt. Charles L. McVoy, Co. M, 124th Inf.; Pvt. Jesse W. Whately, Co. A, 124th Inf.; Pvt. Frank M. Bodiam, Jr., Co. H, 156th Inf.; Pvt. Herbert C. Mipiro, Co. H, 156th Inf.

Pvt. 1st. Clarence F. Foxworth, Co. F, 124th Inf.; Pvt. 1st. Harry F. Blackelman, Co. G, 124th Inf.; Pvt. Eugene W. Chatham, Co. E, 155th Inf.

Supply Section: Staff Sgt. James D. Stewart, Serv. Co., 167th Inf.; Sgt. Jefferson D. McCollum, Co. F, 155th Inf.; Sgt. Robert S. Ennis, Co. C, 106th QM; Pvt. Loretto W. Upson, Co. G, 167th Inf.; Pvt. Thomas D. Callcott, Co. A, 106th QM; Pvt. 1st. James L. Vail, Co. D, 167th Inf.

Clerks and Typists—Pvt. 1st. George A. Daigle, Co. B, 106th QM; Pvt. 1st. Charlton R. Lester, Btry. E, 116th FA; Pvt. James M. Sharkey, Co. L, 167th Inf.; Pvt. Frank A. Gutter, Btry. F, 114th FA.

Pvt. Roy C. Lamb, Btry. E, 117th FA; Pvt. Luard E. Miller, Btry. F, 117th FA; Pvt. William M. Bean, Btry. G, 114th FA; Pvt. Eaverest H. Gilbert, Btry. D, 114th FA; Pvt. Leonard D. West, Btry. D, 114th FA; Pvt. Samuel G. Alker, Co. E, 155th Inf.; Pvt. George M. Kinzer, Co. M, 156th Inf.

Mess Section: Sgt. John S. Lane, Co. F, 106th QM; Pvt. 1st. George H. Callos, Btry. A, 116th FA; Pvt. 1st. Lavon P. Allen, Co. G, 124th Inf.; Pvt. Albert P. Bianco, Serv. Co., 156th Inf.; Pvt. Floyd J. Hancey, Anti-Tank Co., 167th Inf.; Pvt. Tom M. Gibson, Hq. Btry., 2nd Bn, 117th FA; Pvt. Thomas B. Cannon, Hq. Btry., 2nd Bn, 117th FA.

Switchboard Speeds Communication



Master Sergeant Sam St. Johns points out feature of switchboard to Sgt. John W. Murrell. Pvt. W. H. Pearson in the background is shown operating the board.

Sergeant's Mobile Switch Board Speeds Division's Communication

By Corp. C. D. Pou

If the division's communication, long a bottleneck in anybody's army, is speeded up during the present maneuver, much of the success may be accredited to the ingenuity of Master Sergeant Sam St. Johns, 31st Signal Company wire chief, who for his work has been called "the best wire chief in the entire army" by a high-ranking IV Corps officer.

Here are some of its advantages over the old system—hanging coils over trees at central location and having messages run through repeating coils—advantages which should speed divisional message sending via telephone.

It will aid in quick repair work. A "jack" receptacle for the line plug, has been installed on each line in order that the line chief may get a proper test. That is, he can plug in his testing instrument and test the line without interfering with the conversation in progress.

Operation at night will be facilitated. Mounted in a truck, overhead lighting has been installed to illuminate the switchboard. Openings are covered with heavy canvas. Before truck installation, manipulation of a net-work of wires under blackout presented a distinct problem.

These are advantages obvious to the layman; it has many technical improvements over the old mode. For one thing, its cross connections are a convenient way of linking different circuits. With the mount-switchboard, three conversations may be transported over two lines. The device is called the "phantom circuit." And appropriately.

Beside the main board is a parallel unit which permits two operators to work at the same time and on the same trunk lines. Thus his is a personal service job. He is constantly on the look out, meeting soldiers, to find out what his organization can do to make their leisure hours more enjoyable.

Mr. Moran drives hundreds of miles in the course of the week for no other purpose many times than to see that USO comfort rooms have sufficient towels and soap, and lounges, cards, and writing materials.

Then too, he is constantly meeting local people, clubs, schools and churches to sell them on the idea that their benevolent programs should include entertainment for soldiers.

Mr. Moran is trained for his position. A Fordham Univ. N. Y. graduate, he has been in this type of work for the past six years. And he adds, "I hope I can continue working with Dixie Division men and other soldiers as long as I am needed."

Some officers either have very delicate senses of humor or are very absent-minded," is the assertion of Pvt. Lavelle McRee, of Jennings, La., a member of the 31st Division's Anti-Tank Company, 156th Inf.

McRee had worked hard all afternoon swinging a pick in hard, rocky Carolina soil and was very grateful when Second Lt. Lawrence Norris, one of the officers of the company, took his implement away from him and handed it to another soldier with the remark: "You've had enough, McRee."

"And then," the Jennings infantryman lamented, "a few seconds later he did the same thing for another fellow, handed the pick to me, and told me to get to work."

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The title of 1st Sergeant of Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 167th Infantry, has been in the Thompson family since 1st Sgt. Andrew Thompson organized the Boaz, Ala., detachment many years ago. Sgt. Thompson was discharged last week but the title remains in the family his son, Sgt. Roy Thompson, succeeding to the "top sergeant" rank.

Military activities were sharply reduced at Camp Blanding for only about 5,000 remained of the camp's normal population of approximately 48,000, majority of whom left for the Carolina maneuvers.

Life was skeletonized there but by no means dormant. Each of the 20 units which left for the field chose guard details to remain in camp.

ONLY 5000 MEN BACK AT BLANDING

Keep the home folks posted on the maneuvers; send them this copy of THE DIXIE.

BIT OF CAROLINA SUNSHINE



Advance contingents of the Dixie Division quickly fell into the hospitable ways of the Carolina folk last week. Quicker than most were these two soldiers of the 116th Field Artillery pictured lounging in Great Falls in the company of pretty Miss Rachael Dewey. The plump blob of happiness on the right is Pvt. Bill Symons and the other guy's piously pleased Pvt. Bill Crooks.

MISSISSIPPI MEN ARE SERENADED

The First Battalion, 155th Inf., while enroute from Camp Blanding to Great Falls, had the monotony of the long trip broken up by a swing band that traveled from car to car serenading the Mississippi troops.

Members of the band were Pvt. Edwin Luper, Left Stewart, Rufus K. Broadway and Sgt. Farley P. Butler. They performed with sax, two trombones and a clarinet.

Gen. Lowry Honors Non-Coms With A Review

Last Friday Brigadier General Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., Commander of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade honored his 400 sergeants for their fine work and untiring efforts to train approximately 1,000 selectees and 2,500 National Guardsmen since induction last November 25 with a full military all-out brigade review in the 114th F. A. Motor Park.

Normally in a parade of this type the Brigade Commander and his Staff Officers do the reviewing but in this case the sergeants reviewed. One of the most impressive sights of the entire review was those 400 sergeants standing at attention.

The 56th Field Artillery is comprised of 3,500 officers and men, including selectees. It is composed of three regiments and one Headquarters Battery, the 114th Regiment commanded by Colonel A. G. Paxton, the 116th regiment commanded by Colonel Homer W. Westerly of Florida and the 117th Regiment commanded by Colonel Percy S. McClung. Each of the three regimental bands played as they passed the reviewing sergeants. The entire Brigade took 32 minutes to pass.

167th Infantry Fetes Retiring Veterans With Company Dinner

Feting the veterans of their companies who were to be left behind to be released from active service when the troops left last week for South Carolina maneuvers, companies of the 167th Infantry held a series of banquets recently.

Guest of honor of Company F of Gadsden at a dinner held Saturday night in the company mess hall was retiring 1st Sgt. Lyle Grigsby, 19-year veteran. His successor, 1st Sgt. William P. Heaton made a brief speech thanking Sgt. Grigsby for his many years of service to the company. He presented him with an order on a Gadsden haberdasher for a suit and overcoat. Among the other guests were Regimental Commander Walter M. Thompson, Lt. Col. Sidney B. Hooper, commanding the second battalion; Lt. King Butler of Company H, Chaplain Samuel Hughes and Lt. Louie C. Cox, Service Co. 124th Inf., a former member of company F.

Capt. Joseph Lewis, commanding Service Co. of Gadsden, presided at a dinner party for members of that organization and the Medical Detachment held at a Jacksonville Beach Restaurant Saturday night. Approximately 100 men were present. It was Capt. Lewis farewell appearance with his troops as he did not accompany them to South Carolina.

Also honoring their old men was Company I of Birmingham who gave a dinner Saturday night. Capt. John Wilkins, company commander, acted as host to several guests among whom were Lt. Col. Harry E. Smith, commanding the third battalion; Capt. Ollie Mabry, First Lts. Louis Bush, regimental adjutant, James L. Wall, Robert Fowler, Richard D. Wolcott, chaplain and Lts. William Christian, Henry Graham. Also present was Mrs. Wilkins and daughter.

Company H of Jacksonville, Ala., gave a sea-food supper which was attended by several guests among whom were: Col. Thompson, Lt. Col. James A. Webb, regimental executive officer; Lt. Col. Hooper, Major William T. Barrett, commanding the 1st battalion; Major Clarence Daughtette and Chaplain Samuel Hughes. 1st Lt. Sam Williams, company commander, stated in an interview that he regretted losing the men who are being released according to War Dept. policy. He pointed out that many had been members of the command for quite a few years and held key positions. He said he was especially sorry to see 1st Sgt. Alfred Chapell leave, he having served in that capacity for many years.

Company M of Birmingham

Grotesque Posture Of Soldiers Sleeping On Train Like Nightmare

MISS MANEUVERS TO GO TO SCHOOL

Six members of Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry, from Vicksburg, Mississippi have been sent to training school and will receive instruction in different fields while the remainder of their company maneuvers in South Carolina. They are Private 1st. Donnie Price and Private Woodrow Holland three months in the motor maintenance school and Private Robert Mendrop for radio school at Fort Benning. Technical Sergeant Madden T. McDaniel, Private Odie Smith and Private Fred Morris are attending IV Army Corps radio school at Camp Blanding.

ENGINEERS ENJOY DANCE AND DINNER

Officers of 106th Combat Engineers were guests at a dinner party arranged by Mr. and Mrs. W. Townsend Freeman of Great Falls, Monday evening. Col. Harry Hulen, commanding officer of the regiment was guest of honor.

The party was held at the Springs Recreation Center, a club near Great Falls. In addition to officers, many local people were invited to the affair. Attractive refreshments were served.

THREE PROMOTIONS 167TH COMPANY

Three soldiers of Headquarters Detachment, 1st battalion, 167th Infantry received promotions last week, according to 1st Lt. Joseph Decker, detachment commander. Sgt. Troy Mills was promoted to rank of staff sergeant with Corp. John R. Spiller named sergeant. Pvt. J. P. Sudduth was appointed corporal. The soldiers are from Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Walking into another car I couldn't open the door into it. Peering through the glass window I saw why. The guard, Pvt. Harry Cofer of Company I, had received orders that no one was to pass from car to car.

There inside his car he sat reading a thrilling western story. Safeguarding his being interrupted by the door being slammed into him when he had the hero in a tough spot, he had proper a broom against the door. I tapped on the window, and he looked up, grinned and let me through. There as in all of the other once-chair cars there was no sign of life other than heavy breathing with perhaps an occasional mumble as a soldier dreamt of something more exciting than a train ride.

As daylight began to creep through the windows on the entwined mass of seeming lifeless humanity a mess sergeant stuck his head in a door and shouted: "Let's eat." Fifty soldier-heads popped up simultaneously. Then, almost as if a fairy had waved a wand, the sleeping coach became a chair car again as the mechanics replaced the seats as they had found them.

DIVISION CAMPED NEAR FLOP-EYE

You won't see the name on the map, but the place where you are camped is known to natives as Flop-eye. The map designates it Elizabeth Heights.

The story is told that many years ago one store made up the village business section. The proprietor of the store had the habit of imbibing too freely, and when he became too mellow, one of his eyes drooped noticeably. When people wanted to do their weekly buying they would say "let's go over to Flop-eye." To all who live in this section the town is named for the man who had the "funny eye."

Couldn't Cash Check But Loaned Them Money

Soldier Friend Number 1 in the opinion of four Company C, 167th Inf. is Mrs. Jean Wilson of Jacksonville, Fla. Corp. E. O. Martin with Sgts. Keene Wilson, Trevellyn McClure and Pvt. Walter Larson, requested Mrs. Wilson, manager of a Jacksonville restaurant, to cash a check. She was unable to cash the check in keeping with her employer's instructions, but offered to make the soldiers a personal loan for whatever amount they might require.

"And so," narrated Corp. Martin, "we each borrowed 60 cents for bus fare to camp."

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By Pvt. C. W. Hinkle

With the 31st Division En Route to South Carolina, by Rail—Give soldiers an opportunity to sleep and they'll find a place even when 447 of them are riding in nine day coaches on a railroad. Some of the places they chose, and comfort devices they arranged are a revelation—at least they were to me.

I walked through the train bearing the third battalion, 167th Inf. to South Carolina about 10 p. m. Every soldier on the entire train was asleep except a handful. Lights had been turned off. The fashion in which they were sleeping made a picture like one I'd seen before but only in nightmares. The soldier-designers and architects together with the mechanical and construction geniuses in each car had remodelled it. All that remained of the original seats were the iron-floor supports. Seat backs and cushions had been removed to form beds on which the weary men could stretch out. Sprawled in grotesque positions were the sleeping men. Feet hung over into the aisles. Arms dangled alongside the seats. Still everyone slept as the train sped on through the darkness.

Men slept in every conceivable place, on floors, in "smokers," sitting, leaning and prone. In the baggage-car kitchens the cooks also slept. Pvt. Horace Hawkins of Company K lay on top of the three-abreast stoves. Another cook was curled up on the ice box while three lay in the middle of the floor, all "dead to the world."

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No Chow Line For Soldiers On Train Trip

"It's almost like having breakfast in bed," remarked several soldiers of Birmingham's third battalion, 167th Inf. commenting on the luxury of having meals served to them in their seats aboard the troop train bringing them to the Carolina maneuver area.

Baggage-car kitchens were placed in the train so as to be convenient to the units they were serving by Major Charlton Ragsdale, executive officer of the battalion and train quartermaster.

When meals were served, instead of a "chow" line forming and the soldiers passing by the cooks to be served, the cooks carried the huge hot-food containers through the train serving the soldiers as they sat in their assigned seats.

Instead of the usual mess cry of:

"Come and get it" the mess arrangement on board troop trains changes to:

"I'll bring it to you."